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On 2 May 1980, the first confirmed bombing of Pakistani territory since the Soviet invasion occurred near Miram Shah in the North Waziristan District of the Northwest Frontier Province (NWFP). Four Soviet or Afghan helicopters dropped several bombs on a paramilitary outpost that an observer stated was clearly inside Pakistan. Subsequent reports from US citizens working with refugees indicate at

Least seven bombing incidents have occurred recently in North Waziristan, with some bombs landing in one refugee camp near the border. In addition, on 15 June in the NWFP's Bajaur District four helicopters dropped bombs near the village of Ghakhai; a Pakistani paramilitary unit responded with 12.7-mm fire.

Overall, Pakistan's increased force levels along the Afghan border are considered defensive in nature and appear designed to demonstrate a willingness to protect its territory if required. The Pakistanis appear very cautious about taking any action that might provoke a Soviet/Afghan response and escalate tensions along the border.